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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: METAL CONTAINING WASTE WATER TREATMENT METHOD AND METAL CONTAINING  
WASTE WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

253 pages of specification and claims (including 95 numbered claims), and  
60 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 12, 13A-13B, 14-26, 27A-27B, 28A-28B, 29-41, 42A-42B, 43-55,  
56A-56B and 57-60.

☐ Record the attached assignment to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2001-131920	JP	27 April 2001

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on April 29, 2002 in prior appln. no. 10/133,641 filed April 29, 2002☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/133,641, filed April 29, 2002, pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, Osaka, Japan.☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Basic Filing Fee				\$	770.00
Total effective claims	79	- 20 (at least 20) =	59	x \$	1,062.00
Independent claims	25	- 3 (at least 3) =	22	x \$	1,892.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 3724.00
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